

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 353

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Hayley Arceneaux.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we recognize those inspirational individuals whose determination and resiliency are a shining example for us all; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Hayley Arceneaux, a bone cancer survivor and private astronaut who, at the age of twenty-nine, could become the youngest American in space later this year; and

WHEREAS, born in 1992 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Ms. Arceneaux will serve as the chief medical officer and one of four crew members on the world's first all-civilian mission to space, the Inspiration4, which is set to take off at the end of 2021; and

WHEREAS, an inspiration to all who meet her, Hayley Arceneaux underwent chemotherapy and surgery at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis to replace her knee and implant a titanium rod in her left thigh bone after being diagnosed with bone cancer at the age of ten; and

WHEREAS, fulfilling a lifelong dream, she returned to St. Jude in April 2020 when she accepted a position as an employee and now works as a physician's assistant with leukemia and lymphoma patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, nine months after starting her job at St. Jude, Ms. Arceneaux was offered the opportunity to join the space mission, which will allow her to travel the world and raise crucial funds for the work at St. Jude while also showing cancer survivors that anything is possible; and

WHEREAS, Hayley Arceneaux attended Louisiana State University Health and has worked with the St. Jude Pediatric Oncology Education program and the emergency department at Our Lady of the Lake in Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause in our deliberations to recognize Hayley Arceneaux on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Hayley Arceneaux on her many accomplishments and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.